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Testimony of the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association  
In Support of SB 314 AAC Mental or Nervous Conditions under the CUIPA  
Before the Insurance and Real Estate Committee  
February 10, 2011

Chairman Crisco, Chairman Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

We represent the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association which represents over 95% of the veterinarians in the state of Connecticut. We are writing in support of **SB 314, An Act Concerning Mental or Nervous Conditions under the Connecticut Unfair Insurance Practice Act**. We feel that to deny to insure or to discontinue insuring solely based on a mental or nervous condition results in health care professionals being reluctant to seek help for these conditions due to a fear of being denied liability or disability insurance. This reluctance to seek help is detrimental not only to the individual but is detrimental to patient care and safety. We ask for your support for SB 314 in order that insurance decisions are based on fairness and sound judgment.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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